(b) whether it is a fact that the radiation equipment machines at Jammu in J&K an for curing cancer were lying unused till June 1991, causing a loss of Rs. 4.50 lakhs;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to lack of technical staff and present these machines are being used only for 5 hours daily instead of 18 hours per day;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the radiation is posing hazard to staff in adjourning rooms; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of food adulteration detection kif

1320. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one Prof. (Miss) Geetha Swamina than of Stella Marris College, Madras has developed a very simple, elegent and inexpensive food adulteration detection kit;

(b) whether it is a fact that this, kit has heen field tested successfully;

(c) whether Government propose to support and reward such innovators; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to obtain at least 1000 such kits and arrange its. demonstration and training amongst consumers and other activists/women NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) The Government of Tamil Nadu is in the process of testing efficacy of the kit developed by Prof. Miss Geetha Swaminathan.

गुजरात में परिवार नियोजन केन्द्र

1321. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय गुजरात में वर्ष वार नियोजन केन्द्रों की संख्या कितनी है और उन पर प्रति वर्ष जिला-वार कितना कितना खर्च किया जाता है ; और

(ख) 1990-91, 1991-92 के दौरान और अब तक प्रत्येक जिले में परिवार नियोजन के कितने आपरेशन किए गए हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारा देवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल प रख दी जाएगी ।

Cancer from Chlorinated water

1322. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has. been drawn to the news item which appeared in the "Times of India" dated 3rd July, 1992 under the caption "Chlorinated water may cause cancer";

(to) whether Government are aware of the study referred to in the American Journal of Public Health regarding the corelation between bladder and rectal cancer and chlorinated water;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether Government have examined this aspect; and

(e) if so, what are the findings in th's regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (e) Yes, Sir.